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# **HOPELESS KACCHAN'S LOVE STORY**



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Fukumoto Nobuyuki was awarded an Outstanding New Author award in the 7th Chiba Tetsuya Awards (held in 1982) for "Hopeless Kacchan's Love Story". It was his first award. The difference in his style of artwork, his characters, and the themes he selects compared to what he writes today can be accounted to him still searching for a niche at this stage. The version printed here was a copy purchased from Young Magazine's editorial department. Yet, because of things like the difference in format from the magazine and the way the pages were cut, the author's intended design was not able to be replicated perfectly. Please bear this in mind.



I'm Matsumoto Sachiko! I'm 16 years old. I've finally come back to this town.

That's right... I used to live here when I was a little girl.



My goal! It's been 10 years!

It sure is great to be back!



Wow... I left here when I was 6, so...

Everywhere I look there's nostalgia sights and sounds!



HUFF

HUFF

HUFF



But I might  
be able to see  
Kacchen again!

But that's not  
the only reason  
I'm excited!

I haven't seen  
him since I  
was little...



His real  
mom's  
Hiroko  
Katsumi



Kac-  
chen...



He  
was  
my  
best  
friend!

We  
hung  
out  
to-  
geth-  
er  
all  
the  
time...



There's nobody  
but Kacchen in my  
photo albums from  
back then...



But  
then...



And sometimes,  
even my  
body-  
guard.



AH...

He was my first love.  
Kaochan had to get 5  
stitches on her head  
after that...

And he  
did a fair  
trial









That... That's crazy...







IS  
KATSUMOTO  
BACKED  
IN HERE?



IF HE  
REALLY  
WAS...

NO... I'M  
SURE TO  
REMEMBER  
BOP-SEN



AM...



HUH?

C'MERE  
FOR A  
SEC.



HUH...?



EVERYONE IN  
THIS SCHOOL'S  
AN IDOT...



SOOO,  
THERE'S  
NOBODY  
HERE TO  
INTER-  
RUPT US!

WAA-  
GH!!



HAHA?

I MEAN, THERE'S  
NOBODY IN THE  
SCHOOL WHO  
ACTUALLY GOES  
TO THE LIBRARY  
ON OFF  
PERIODS





It was just like the old times... He hadn't made any progress.



We walked home together, this day.



But Kachan changed in all

He was the same old Kachan, who used pencils and getting into fights...



But...

















RENNIN... HE  
DOWNED AN  
ENTIRE CASE

AM... KATSU WAS  
DRINKING LIQUOR  
IN CLASS, AGAIN...

GET HIM  
TO THE  
INFIRMARY!



He did that  
to himself?

Like I  
care...



I'LL WALK  
YOU HOME!

とりまきいへ!

AM! SACHIO-  
SAN, ARE YOU  
GONE HOME,  
NOW?

Yes  
sir.

I'LL CARRY  
YOUR BAG  
FOR YOU!



WHERE'S  
THE INFO-  
READY?

ANY-  
THING?

YES!

CAN I  
ASK YOU  
SOME-  
THING?

ARE  
MR.  
ARE  
MR?





THE SPOON IS COMING!

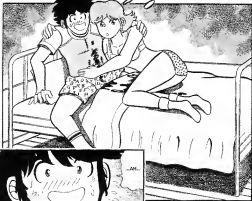


DRINK IT I HEAR IT'S GOOD TO HAVE TOMATO JUICE AFTER DRINKING.



THE INFIRMARY INFIRMARY









IF I SAY I  
DIDN'T DO  
IT, THEN I  
DIDN'T!!







